

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:** Maria Laura Gennaro

**Examiner:** Rodney P. Swartz

**Application No.:** 10/009,383

**TC/Art Unit:** 1645

**Filed:** March 4, 2002

**Confirmation No.:** 7070

**Title:** Proteins Expressed by Mycobacterium Tuberculosis and not by BCG and Their Use as Diagnostic Reagents and Vaccines

**Attorney Docket Number:** 20869-8

**Date:** December 16, 2008

**Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Amendment**

Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the September 16, 2008 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-referenced application. A response to the September 16, 2008 Final Office Action is due December 16, 2008. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.